

# **MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

## **Governing Board Meeting October 2, 2019**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Government Code § 54956 that the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to order.
- II. Roll call.
- III. Public Testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.
- V. Reports from Staff:
  - (a) Fire Division;
  - (b) Ranger Services;
  - (c) Legal;
  - (d) Natural Resources and Planning;
  - (e) Park Development;
  - (f) Outreach and Engagement;
  - (g) Developed Resources;
  - (h) River Programs;
  - (i) Construction, and
  - (j) Finance.
- VI. Consent Calendar:
  - (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of August 16, 2019 to September 12, 2019.
  - (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with SWA Group, Inc. for Reseda Park pre-improvement planning, City of Los Angeles.

- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with the Las Virgenes Unified School District for outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch.
  - (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing signing a Letter of Intent with relevant public agencies to develop a Los Angeles River Park Partnership that unifies efforts throughout the 100 acres of public open space at Taylor Yard, City of Los Angeles.
  - (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for 3810-P01-1775, Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design.
  - (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Community Facilities District Numbers 1 , 2016-1, and private funds to acquire properties in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills area, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2019A public auction.
  - (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No.2 (Area G) funds to acquire properties in Woodland Hills, Tarzana, and Encino, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2019A public auction.
  - (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from Proposition A to acquire properties in the Northeast Los Angeles Hilltops areas, City of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2019A public auction.
  - (i) Consideration of resolution supporting the addition of Mexican elderberry and Toyon to the City of Los Angeles Protected Tree Ordinance.
- VII. Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Annual Audit Report.
- VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of approximately 4.62 acres, APN 3370-017-014, Antelope Valley, unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- IX. Consideration of resolution approving an application to the California Natural Resources Agency for reconstruction of youth camps affected by the Woolsey and Tubbs Fires.
- X. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 17-100 to authorize acceptance of the fee simple donation of APNs 2826-020-025, 026 and 029 in

Whickham Canyon comprising approximately 45 acres and entering into an agreement with Preservation Strategies, Inc. and Lennar Homes for the sale of in lieu fee habitat credits on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority-owned property, unincorporated Los Angeles County. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to the Government Code § 54956.8. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Robert Devogelaere. Under consideration: price and terms.)*

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing 1) entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, 2) entering into a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board, 3) use of mitigation funds and acceptance of private funds for said acquisition, and 4) acquisition of APNs 2821-008-031 and 035 approximately 261 acres, Mormon and Browns Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- XII. Discussion on 2019 legislative summary.
- XIII. Closed Session.

*The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9 Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: five (5). (1) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Berggruen Institute et al,; (2) Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; (3) Fishback v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; (4) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. GSV Sustainability Partners, Inc., and (5) Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Morrison, et al.*

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c). Number of cases:  
1

Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimants: Mariam Varosyan and Eliza Makichyan.

Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Norma Gonzalez.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 - Conference with Real Property Negotiators:

- 1. Properties: APN 4379-032-900  
MRCA Negotiator: Joseph T. Edmiston

Property Negotiator: Grant Loosvelt  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

XIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Public comment is welcome on any agenda item and matters not on the agenda. During the meeting, the Governing Board may hold a closed session on any item pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Unless otherwise ordered, individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives and organizations/agencies will be given five minutes. For further information on any agenda item please contact Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, at (310) 589-3230, extension 112.

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Note: The entire agenda package and any meeting related writings or documents provided to a majority of the Board members after distribution of an agenda package, unless exempt from disclosure pursuant to California Law, will be available at the Conejo Recreation and Park District offices, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.